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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2019
6:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jack Fields, Dwayne Pratt, Randy Ragsdale, David Harper, Jerry Vaughn, Wayne Copeland and Jimmy Daley.

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Eckard and Barbara Thurman.

GUESTS PRESENT: Odis Breshears- Customer and Michael Bolin - Engineer

Meeting to Order - Director Fields called the Quarterly Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda - The agenda was adopted as presented.

Public Comments - Odis Breshears stated one of his renters was told they wouldn't be able to put the water in their name and the account would have to stay in the owners' name due to an unpaid bill by a past renter. Mr. Breshears stated he had to pay a deposit to get the water turned. Mr. Eckard explained the history of the property regarding past leaks, cut locks, along with an outstanding bill of \$432.05. Mr. Eckard stated they checked the meter and no leaks were indicated, therefore the renter could put the account in their name. Discussion followed. Director Vaughn stated he charges his renters a set amount for water and the water bills are kept in his name. Discussion followed, Mr. Breshears stated he might keep the account in his name.

Comments by Board President - None

Approval of November 27th, 2018 Board Minutes - Minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business

Election of Officers' - Director Harper nominated Jack Fields for President; seconded by Director Daley. Motion approved unanimously. Director Harper nominated Jerry Vaughn for Vice - President; seconded by Director Pratt. Motion approved unanimously. Director Vaughn nominated Director Copeland for Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Director Ragsdale. Motion approved unanimously.

Hwy 7 & Park Avenue Project - Mr. Bolin stated the preliminary cost is \$1.2 million to relocate approximately 2 ½ miles of water lines, fire hydrants and valves. Mr. Bolin recommends NGRWD upgrade the current line from an 8" to a 12" line from the Hwy 5 and Hwy 7 junction back to Sleepy Valley Rd and from a 6" to an 8" line from Sleepy Valley Rd back to Belvedere where it loops back to Fox Pass. The District's cost would be approx. \$300,000 to move the lines to the North side of the road. Director Pratt asked how long the

upgrade would serve the district. Mr. Bolin stated approx. 20 years, noting all the growth along this area would be commercial. Director Ragsdale asked if the District didn't do the upgrade how much would it cost the District. Mr. Bolin stated between \$50,000 & \$100,000 but at a later date it would cost the District approx. \$1,000,000. Discussion followed. Mr. Bolin said he would need to submit a proposal to State within a month. Mr. Eckard said easements might be a problem and suggested we have our attorney and appraiser take care of getting the easements like we did on the Hwy 7 Project once the plans have been approved by the State. Director Pratt stated even though the project is being funded by the State the District will have to have the funds to pay the expenses in advance before the District is reimbursed by the State. Director Daley asked if the District should go out for a loan for the upgrades. Director Pratt stated the District had the funds available in the Facilities Upgrade Account for the upgrades.

New Employee – Mr. Eckard stated Gordon Yates, who worked weekends at the plant, quit December 31st, 2018. Mr. Eckard stated he would like the Board's approval to hire a full time employee to work weekends at the plant and 3 days in Distribution and be off Thursday and Fridays'. Darrell presented the cost of adding another full time employee to the Board. Discussion followed. Director Daley requested the position be offered in house before advertising the position. Director Pratt suggested having the new employee sign a two year contract to cover the cost of training and schooling to get the needed licenses. Director Pratt made a motion to hire a full time employee for the Plant/Distribution Technician position; Director Vaughn seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Tapes and Minutes on the Website – Director Daley stated there needs to be archive procedure for recordings of the meetings because they are a record of the meetings. Director Fields stated they are taped for Barbara's reference only. Director Pratt stated the approved minutes are the official record of the meetings. Director Daley made a motion to delete the tape recording once the minutes have been approved; seconded by Director Harper. Motion approved unanimously. Director Daley made a motion to post the approved Board minutes on the website; seconded by Director Copeland. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

New Office/Shop Building Update – Mr. Eckard reported due to the government shut down the RD Apply website has been off line for the last month but its back up now.

Danville Road Bridge Project Update – Mr. Bolin reported it has been delayed due to weather and other commitments but the Online Construction will be starting January 30th, 2019. They will be working around the bridge contractor.


Bryant Rd & Hwy 298 Project Update – Mr. Bolin reported Ray Owen and the appraiser are working to get the last 4 easements before the contractor can begin. Discussion followed.

Quarry Mountain Rd – Mr. Bolin said there a couple of 100' of waterline which will have to be moved on Quarry Mountain Rd for the new by-pass.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Eckard reported both high service pumps have been repaired to like new condition and the costs were posted to an asset account and paid out of the Revenue Account instead of the Facility Upgrade Account. The pumps will need to be inspected about every 8 years. Sludge pond removal has been completed and the contractor was paid out of the plant's current budget. Mr. Eckard reviewed the leaks adjustments with the Board.

Director Fields adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Copeland, Secretary/Treasurer

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